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Quick Guide

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First things first

We would like to thank you for making an Acer notebook your choice for meeting your mobile computing needs.

Your guides

To help you use your Acer notebook, we have designed a set of guides:

First off, the **setup poster** helps you get started with setting up your computer.

The **Aspire Generic User Guide** contains useful information applying to all models in the Aspire product series. It covers basic topics such as using the keyboard and audio, etc. Please understand that due to its nature, the **Generic User Guide** will occasionally refer to functions or features which are only contained in certain models of the series, but not necessarily in the model you purchased. Such instances are marked in the text with language such as "only for certain models".

The **Quick Guide** introduces you to the basic features and functions of your new computer. For more on how your computer can help you to be more productive, please refer to the **Aspire Generic User Guide.** This guide contains detailed information on such subjects as system utilities, data recovery, expansion options and troubleshooting. In addition it contains warranty information and the general regulations and safety notices for your notebook. It is available in Portable Document Format (PDF) and comes preloaded on your notebook. Follow these steps to access it:

1 Click on **Start** > **All Programs** > **AcerSystem**.

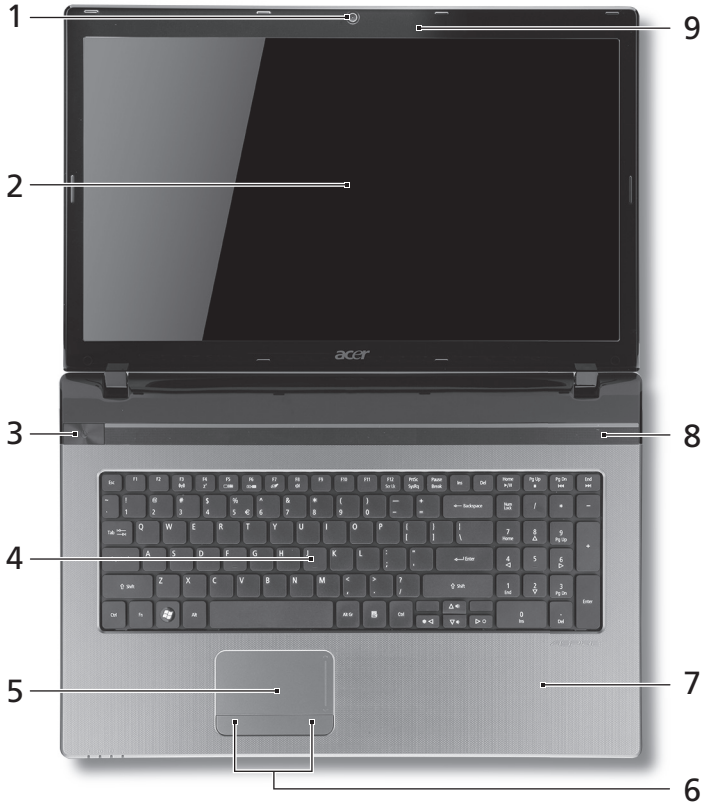
2 Click on **Aspire Generic User Guide**.

Note: Viewing the file requires Adobe Reader. If Adobe Reader is not installed on your computer, clicking on **Aspire Generic User Guide** will run the Adobe Reader setup program first. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the installation. For instructions on how to use Adobe Reader, access the **Help and Support** menu.

Your Acer notebook tour

After setting up your computer as illustrated in the setup poster, let us show you around your new Acer notebook.

Top view



#	Icon	Item	Description
1		Acer Crystal Eye webcam	Web camera for video communication. (only for certain models)
2		Display screen	Also called Liquid-Crystal Display (LCD), displays computer output (configuration may vary by models).
3		Power button	Turns the computer on and off.

#	Icon	Item	Description
4		Keyboard	For entering data into your computer.
5		Touchpad	Touch-sensitive pointing device which functions like a computer mouse.
6		Click buttons (left and right)	The left and right buttons function like the left and right mouse buttons.
7		Palmrest	Comfortable support area for your hands when you use the computer.
8		Speakers	Deliver stereo audio output.
9		Microphone	Internal microphone for sound recording.

Hotkeys

The computer employs hotkeys or key combinations to access most of the computer's controls like screen brightness and volume output.

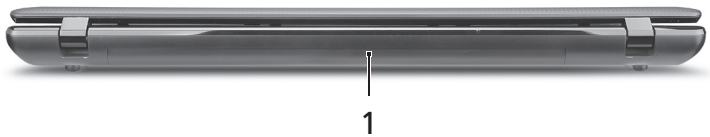
To activate hotkeys, press and hold the <Fn> key before pressing the other key in the hotkey combination.

Hotkey	Icon	Function	Description
<Fn> + <F3>		Communication key	Enables/disables the computer's communication devices. (Communication devices may vary by configuration.)
<Fn> + <F4>		Sleep	Puts the computer in Sleep mode.
<Fn> + <F5>		Display toggle	Switches display output between the display screen, external monitor (if connected) and both.
<Fn> + <F6>		Screen blank	Turns the display screen backlight off to save power. Press any key to return.
<Fn> + <F7>		Touchpad toggle	Turns the internal touchpad on and off.
<Fn> + <F8>		Speaker toggle	Turns the speakers on and off.
<Fn> + < ▷ >		Brightness up	Increases the screen brightness.
<Fn> + < ◁ >		Brightness down	Decreases the screen brightness.
<Fn> + <Home>		Play/Pause	Play or pause a selected media file.
<Fn> + <Pg Up>		Stop	Stop playing the selected media file.
<Fn> + <Pg Dn>		Previous	Return to the previous media file.
<Fn> + <End>		Next	Jump to the next media file.

Closed front view

#	Icon	Item	Description
1		Power indicator	Indicates the computer's power status.
		Battery indicator	Indicates the computer's battery status. **1. Charging:** The light shows amber when the battery is charging. **2. Fully charged:** The light shows blue when in AC mode.
		HDD indicator	Indicates when the hard disk drive is active.
		Communication key	Enables/disables the computer's communication devices. (Communication devices may vary by configuration.)
2		Multi-in-1 card reader	Accepts Secure Digital (SD), MultiMediaCard (MMC), Memory Stick PRO (MS PRO), xD-Picture Card (xD). **Note:** Push to remove/install the card. Only one card can operate at any given time.

Rear view



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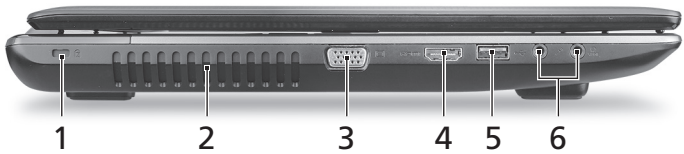
1		Battery bay	Houses the computer's battery pack.

Left view



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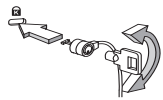
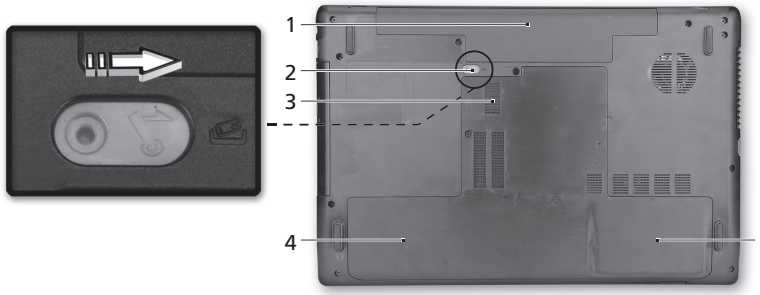
1		Kensington lock slot 	Connects to a Kensington-compatible computer security lock. **Note:** Wrap the computer security lock cable around an immovable object such as a table or handle of a locked drawer. Insert the lock into the notch and turn the key to secure the lock. Some keyless models are also available.
2		Ventilation slots	Enable the computer to stay cool, even after prolonged use.
3		External display (VGA) port	Connects to a display device (e.g., external monitor, LCD projector).
4	HDMI	HDMI port	Supports high definition digital video connections.
5		USB 2.0 port	Connects to USB 2.0 devices (e.g., USB mouse, USB camera).
6		Microphone-in jack	Accepts inputs from external microphones.
		Headphone/speaker jack	Connects to audio devices (e.g., speakers, headphones).

Right view

#	Icon	Item	Description
1		USB 2.0 port	Connects to USB 2.0 devices (e.g., USB mouse, USB camera).
2		Optical drive	Internal optical drive; accepts CDs, DVDs, or Blu-ray Discs (for certain models only).
3		Optical disk access indicator	Lights up when the optical drive is active.
4		Optical drive eject button	Ejects the optical disk from the drive.
5		Emergency eject hole	Ejects the optical drive tray when the computer is turned off. **Note:** Insert a paper clip to the emergency eject hole to eject the optical drive tray when the computer is off.
6		Ethernet (RJ-45) port	Connects to an Ethernet 10/100/1000-based network.
7		DC-in jack	Connects to an AC adapter.

Base view



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1		Battery bay	Houses the computer's battery pack.
2		Battery release latch/lock	Releases the battery for removal. Insert a suitable tool into the latch and slide to release.
3		Memory compartment	Houses the computer's main memory.
4		Hard disk bay-Main	Houses the computer's hard disk (secured with screws).
5		Hard disk bay-Secondary	Houses the computer's hard disk (secured with screws) (for certain models only).

Environment

- Temperature:
  - Operating: 5 °C to 35 °C
  - Non-operating: -20 °C to 65 °C
- Humidity (non-condensing):
  - Operating: 20% to 80%
  - Non-operating: 20% to 80%